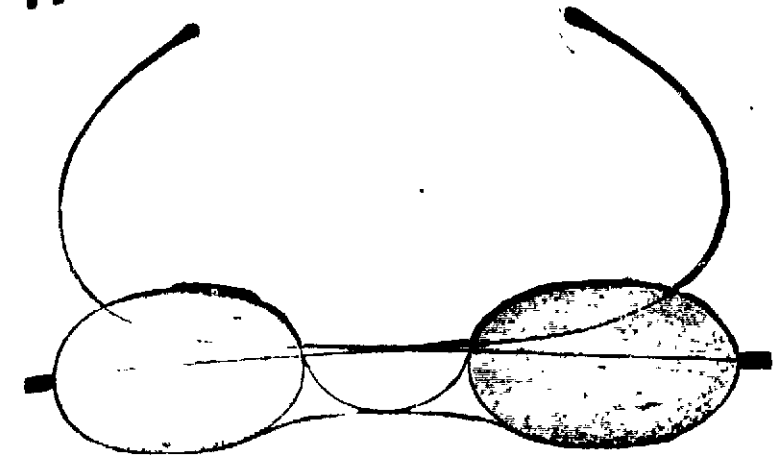


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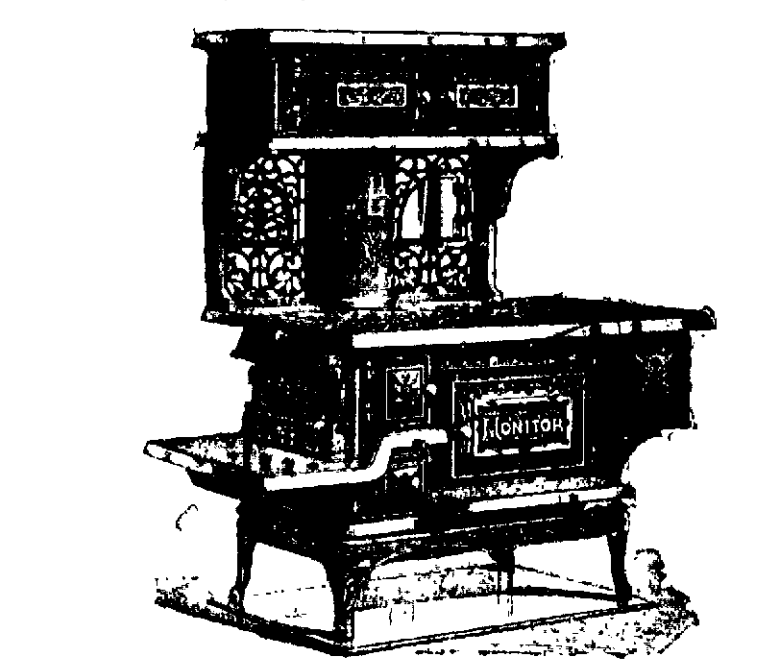
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We will put on sale Thursday morning, April 2nd, the most Stylish and Attractive Display of Trimmed and untrimmed Hats and Bonnets for early Spring and Easter trade ever shown in this city. Many New and Exclusive Styles. Prices always the lowest. Inspection solicited.

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MONDAY EVE, APRIL 6, 1885.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
Eos. REPUBLICAN:—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of City Clerk.
J. H. MILLIKIN.

LOCAL NEWS.

You will find a very nice and cheap line of Easter Presents now on sale at E. D. BATHOLMEW & CO'S.

COMEDY TO-NIGHT.
ELEVATION TO-MORROW.
PLAYING FOR ORN in progress.
SUNDAY was a lovely Easter day.
Grand after Easter ball to-night at the tab.

RAILWAY firemen's ball Thursday evening at the tabernacle.

PART of the "Parlor Match" company is at the St. Nicholas to-day.

FARMER KREFF'S wheat is said to be high enough to hide a rabbit.

THERE were 437 persons at the First M. E. Sunday school yesterday.

SUPERMAN TOPPERS benefit Saturday night. He will appear as "Othello."

NICE fresh oranges, 20 for a quarter, at Peter Ullrich's grocery store. Try them.

The regular April meeting of the city council will assemble to-night and transact routine business.

The floral decorations at the churches yesterday were abundant and very fragrant.

JOHN SOULLY, one of the managers of the Lord South estate in Logan county, died on Saturday.

The contractor commenced laying brick to-day on the Pratt & Co. "Chamber of Commerce" on the corner north of the tabernacle.

SAMUEL THOMAS says he has patches of wheat on his farm that look green and promise a good yield.

The opposing candidates for supervisor in Illinois township are J. C. Tucker, Democrat, and J. R. Black, Republican, on People's ticket. Joe Brown resolved to accept a renomination.

Barnum, painter and paper hanger, 528 North Water street. ad-41

Tax authorities should owners the order requiring property owners to clean their premises. Some of the alleys and space at the rear of store buildings are in bad shape. Clean the city.

"The Burrows" conservatory was partly devoted to the fragrant flowers to form the decorations at St. John's church on Easter Sunday.

Send your name, age, color of hair and eyes to the science fortune teller. He will tell you your future companion and give initials of name, also date of marriage. Enclose 10 cents. Address John Russell, Mattoon, Ill. 10 d&w4*

The cards are out for the wedding of Miss Georgia Charrissa Harlow, second daughter of Hon. George H. Harlow, of Chicago, former secretary of state, to Mr. Chas. Whitmore, a young business man of this city. The marriage will occur to-morrow at noon.

The favorite instruments are the celebrated Haines Bros. pianos, sold in Decatur only by C. B. Prescott.

The board of directors Y. M. C. A. and the finance committee of the association will meet together this evening. The presence of every member is desired.

The society of the Working Men of the English Lutheran Church will meet this evening at the residence of B. Coble, 311 Condit street. Remember, it is "nickel" night.

DR. N. S. PABEN, state veterinarian, killed five horses for a farmer by the name of Donley, six miles south of Urbana—three work horses and two fine colts—on account of glanders. No more cases have been heard of as yet.

GREENBAY butter and fresh eggs at Montgomery's North Water street grocery store.

DELICATE diseases radically cured. Consultation free. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

DELICAT superior family flour and the groceries you want at Hanks & Patterson's store, 147 South Water street.

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SHREDDED canned goods and good vegetables at Niedermeyer's grocery store on the Monnet.

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PARTIES wanting pure crystal ice are requested to have orders at Mohr's cigar store, or telephone 121. ad-45

GRAP shoes are sold everywhere, but if you desire Good Shoes, Cheap, try Powers & Haworth.

GO TO A. L. BROCKWAY for wall paper and G. P. Hact for upholstery.

PAINTING white Overalls, 50c a pair, at B. Stine's. ad-47

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FOR birthday presents, buy a Gent's Smoking Jacket at B. Stine's. ad-47

SETS of tools for brass repousse work, at Morehouse, Wells & Co's. mar24-dit

HAVE your measures taken for the celebrated Wilson Bros. Shirt at B. Stine's. ad-47

Stop
And see those elegant styles of Ladies', Gent's and Children's Spring Styles of Shoes at W. F. Bauer's. He carries the most complete stock of Boots and Shoes in the city. His \$3.00 gent's calf button shoes cannot be excelled. Give him a call. Low prices and good goods is his motto. Don't forget the place, 152 East Main street. 30-d&w1

E. L. MARTIN wishes to inform the citizens of Decatur that in a few days he will have a full supply of Indianapolis Cakes, which he will continue to handle in future in connection with hard and soft coal. Cakes can be used in hard coal stoves, and is in demand by bakers. 1-dit

It stands at the Head.
The Caligraph, any style of type, Russian, French, Spanish, or German and English, with fractions, and characters for ounces, scruple, drachm, pound sterling and others, covering everything that any one would be apt to want. 1-d&w

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The Decatur O. P. Presbytery.
The annual meeting of the Decatur Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church reached an adjournment Saturday evening, at the Bethlehem church, six miles southwest of Decatur. It convened on April 2d. The Presbytery includes Macon, Monticello, Cumberland, Jasper and Clark counties and part of Coles. There are 24 churches in the district, with a membership of 1500. The Moderator at the sessions was Rev. J. W. Woods, of Mattoon; Secretary, Rev. N. M. Baker, of Long Creek. The other delegates were J. M. Bone, of Macon; J. W. Hogg, of Bethany; J. W. Laughlin, Bethany; W. L. Bankson, of Ellettsburg; Bro. Dillow, of Milburn; Bro. Hall, of Rose Hill. The attendance at the meeting was quite large. Splendid essays on Sabbath school work were read by Miss Rogers, of Jacksonville, and Miss Dickey, of Argenta. The General Presbytery will meet at Bentonville, Ark., on May 21st. Rev. J. W. Woods, of Mattoon, and Bro. Jackson, of Monticello county, were elected to represent the Decatur district.

The General Ticket.
A meeting of alleged non-partisan voters, mostly "machines," was held Saturday evening at L. A. Buckingham's office, when a "general ticket" was made up, as follows:
Supervisor—A. T. Hill.
Ass't Supervisors—John Dinneen, Joseph Mohr, H. W. Davis.
Town Clerk—B. McGorray.
Assessor—Ed. J. Smith.
Collector—G. Radloff.
Justices of the Peace—James Thomas, T. B. Albert, J. Q. A. Odor, Ira B. Curtis, W. S. Nichols.
Comptroller—Henry Chardonnay, George Collins, Z. W. Harris, C. E. Robb, Sam'l Weisner.
Highway Commissioner—E. P. Reynolds.
Found Master—"Dook" Stewart.

It is but just to state that the Republican nominees on the ticket were not present, and knew nothing of the scheme until it was made public. The "non-partisans" probably put the regular nominees on the ticket to give it dignity and strength.

The Comedy To-Night.
There will be burlesque of fun at the Opera House to-night. It will be the new play, of which a New York paper spoke as follows: "A parlor Match is one of the most laughably absurd, rollicking and nonsensical of these indefinable sketches which of late years have become so popular. What is more, it is interpreted by a band of really clever people, and the audience packed. Tony Pastor's Theatre last night it was kept in one incessant roar at the comical sayings and situations. Messrs. Evans & Hovey are the leading spirits of the play, and sustain their characters nobly. Miss Jennie Yonama, a talented southerner, played the role of Innocent Kidd charmingly, and sang and danced until the gallery nearly went wild with delight. Miss Mattie Ferguson was very pretty, and not only looked her part and played it well, but sang nicely. All the others, and especially Mr. Daniel Hart, did well. In short 'A Parlor Match' is undoubtedly a success." Admision, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

For City Clerk.
Mr. J. H. Millikin is in the race for city clerk, and if elected would make a good and attentive officer. He has had a great deal of experience in similar capacities, and is thoroughly posted with regard to the duties of a public officer. He is affable, pleasant and kind in his nature, and would therefore make himself popular with all who came in contact with him.

A LETTER from Hot Springs says the "Decatur Colony" is doing splendidly. Mrs. V. H. Parks and Mrs. W. M. Boyd have been greatly benefited by the springs, and are now able to walk many miles without becoming exhausted.

The Republican ticket for Friends Creek township is as follows: Supervisor, W. H. Wilkoff; Clerk, N. Sprague; Assessor, J. J. Garver; Collector, J. N. Orr; Commissioner, S. O. Streever; Justices, J. J. McKinnon and W. J. Myers; Constables, N. Sprague and A. S. Bear.

JOHN A. BELL is the Republican candidate for supervisor in Wheatland township. Hiram Ward, democrat, is up again for the same place. There is no "non-partisan" ticket for democrats in Wheatland.

FRIDAY night free speech was sustained at Lincoln. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was tendered "Anti Catholicism" White in which to deliver his lecture. He had an audience of 200 or 300 persons, who were quiet and attentive. After the lecture, Mr. White was escorted to his stopping place by a number of friends without the slightest disturbance taking place.

Ten sale of reserved seats for the Sheridan Trapper benefit will begin in Wednesday morning at Curtis & Co's.

Hard Roads.
The third session of the Illinois Highway Commissioners' Association is hereby called to meet in Springfield on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21 and 22. Transportation on Truck lines of railway will be furnished free to delegates paying one full fare to convention. Every board of highway commissioners will be entitled to one delegate. Signed by committee: H. M. Illwaco, R. A. Stevens, Phocion Howard.

THE latest time show Decatur has ever had has gone hence—and yet it did a fair business, some people going night after night to witness the performances.

What is it?
Pinkie Bitt White Balsam?
Whines' Park Blue Balsam?
Bices' Whisk Blue Balsam?
Bals Park Whisk Balsam?
Burke's White Pine Balsam?

Mr. Wilson, late manager of the Acme dime show, will finger in Decatur. He is a lightning rod man, and now since spring has come he will give his attention to that business.

The funeral of the infant daughter of Officer Bailey took place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence, Rev. Newcomer officiating. There was a large attendance of friends.

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EASTER IN DECATUR.

Appropriate Sermons and Elaborate Floral Displays at the Churches.

Easter Sunday was a bright, sunny, balmy Spring day, and as the bells rang out cheerily the people, adorned in their best, entered the various churches with glad hearts to participate in the beautiful services celebrating the "Risen Lord," and to renew their covenants.

At nearly every church in the city there was an elaborate display of potted plants, blooming flowers, bouquets and pretty floral designs, while in the congregations appeared beautiful hats and bonnets worn by the ladies.

The ministers generally devoted their remarks to comments on the Resurrection, telling the story of the sacrifice and sufferings of Jesus Christ and how he triumphed over the grave, and the joy that filled the hearts of the Christians was spoken in the songs of the different choirs.

About 40 members of Beamanor Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templars, attended Easter services at the evening hour at St. John's Episcopal church. The knights wore their uniforms and preceded to the sermon delivered by Rev. Moore they observed the Easter ceremony prescribed by the order. The decorations at this church were very beautiful, and the singing of the choir with the new organ accompaniment was specially fine. The church was crowded and many were unable to enter.

The usual impressive and beautiful services were held at the Catholic churches.

All Quiet.
So far as known the lovers had a quiet time of it Sunday night. Pedestrians and drivers in their dwellings were not disturbed by quarrelsome talk, and there was no one shot either in the head or the back. The police agree that it was a very dull night.

EDMUND REPUBLICAN:—I desire it made known that I am not a candidate for Town Clerk. B. McGORRAY.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Dr. Small left for Chicago to-day.

Senator Rogers visited Latham to-day.

Mrs. F. B. Caldwell returned to Lafayette to-day.

Rev. A. W. Walter will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday night.

Samuel Troutman is out against Jack Hays for supervisor in Hickory township.

Miss Mattie Givler will leave for St. Louis to-morrow, to visit her sister.

Wm. Ammann will suffer no bad effects from the wound he received. The danger is past.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Laux will depart for Hot Springs this week. They will leave about Wednesday afternoon.

Arthur Race, who is home from Racine spending the Easter vacation, was a handsome prize recently in a roller skating contest.

Deputy Sheriff Maury is in receipt of a letter calling him to leave the office of his aged mother. He will start west to-morrow morning.

Dr. Goodbrake, of Clinton, John Sargent, of Marion, and Joe Brown and D. B. Batheholder, of Warrensburg, all Sir Knights, attended the Easter services Sunday evening at St. John's church.

Justice Lowry, who is one of the nominees for re-election, was able to be down to-day in his buggy. He will soon be able to walk again, though one leg will be a half-inch shorter than the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dennis, whose dwelling on South Webster street was destroyed by fire, are now in the city. They believe the house caught fire from a lamp. The insurance, \$1100, they say, will cover about two-thirds of the loss.

MR. ANSEL C. STEVENS, one of the nominees on the Republican ticket for Justice of the Peace, has lived in Decatur for six years, and has been engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He served during the late rebellion as sergeant in Company A, 110th Reg't Ill. Vol. Inf'ty, and is a member of the G. A. R. Post. He went with Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. Stevens enjoys a large acquaintance in the city and country, and will be elected beyond a doubt.

L. D. & S. TRAMA.
Receiver Hammond, of the L. D. & S. Ry., sends us his first time card. Trains leave Decatur as follows: Passengers, at 6 a. m. and 12:15 p. m.; freight, at 6:10 a. m. and 6 p. m. Trains arrive at Decatur: Passengers, at 1:05 p. m., and at 11:30 p. m.; freight, at 9:15 a. m., and 8:20 p. m. Make a note of this.

THE "house cleaning" in the circuit court room is nearly finished. A striking change has been made. The walls are newly calcimined a light green tint and the ceiling is white. A new meeting will be placed on the floor. Judge Wilkin will scarcely recognize the room when he comes here in May to hold court.

FRIDAY night will come the second Chanfran in the character of "Kit." Said the Hartford Post: "In 'Kit, the Arkansas Traveler,' Henry Chanfran's impersonation of the title role proved that he is a 'worthy son of a worthy sire,' so to speak, and that the theatrical mantle of his illustrious father has fallen upon worthy shoulders. The supporting company was a good one throughout, and 'Judge Snags' and 'Major Snuggles,' the famous two old 'beats' who were the very dry members of the combination, brought down the house every time." Admission, 55, 60 and 75 cents.

The election of city officers will occur to-morrow at Chicago. Harrison and Judge Smith are the opposing candidates for mayor.

ATTENTION!
LICENSE OR NO LICENSE
It seems that a few things have to be settled in Decatur for a certainty before the spring election. The fact is, everybody ought to have an ornamental dress-case. It can be put in an ordinary panel door, and is cheap, and would look well.

The second is, that people ought to buy their Wall Paper at 522 North Water street, because they can get it at bargain prices at any other place.

The third is, that B-dog's boys are all upper lunatics and patatoes, and they try to give satisfaction to all. Don't forget where the place is, 24 blocks north of the Masonic Temple, on the east side of the street. apri-dit

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The Voting Places—Election Laws.

The polls will be opened to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and close at 7 o'clock in the evening. The voting places will be in the

First District—At Neptune Hoe House No. 3.

Second District—At the City Council rooms.

Third District—At Caldwell's Livery Stable.

Fourth District—At the County Clerk's Office.

Fifth District—At Eldorado Hoe House No. 2.

THE ELECTION LAWS.
The following extracts from the Election Laws contain useful information:

Chapter 46, Revised Statutes, Section 55. Every person having resided in this State one year, in the county ninety days and in the election district thirty days next preceding any election therein, who was an elector in this State on the first day of April, in the year of our Lord 1880, or obtained a certificate of naturalization before any court of record in this State prior to the first day of January, in the year of our Lord 1875, or who shall be made a citizen of the United States above the age of 21 years, shall be entitled to vote at such election.

That no pauper or inmate of any county poor-house, insane asylum or hospital in this State shall, by virtue of his abode at such county poor-house, insane asylum or hospital, be deemed a resident or legal voter in the city, village or election district or precinct in which such poor-house, insane asylum or hospital may be situated; but every such person shall be deemed a resident of the town, city, village or election district or precinct in which he resided next prior to becoming an inmate of such poor-house, insane asylum or hospital.

Sec. 56. Residence—A permanent abode is necessary to constitute a residence within the meaning of the preceding section.

Sec.

JOHN IRWIN

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FAST TRAINS.

How the Engineers Who Run Rapid Trains

Three of the oldest and most competent engineers to whom was committed the running of the fast trains, not long since asked relief at the hands of the Superintendent of the road.

They had found that the mental and nervous strain which came upon them while urging their locomotives to this high rate of speed was so great that they found themselves unable to bear it.

One of these men, an acquaintance of our informant, was a few months before a stalwart man, with a nervous organization which seemed capable of bearing anything that could be put upon him.

Now he was a mere skeleton. He had grown thin and haggard, while his brain had been stricken by the strain.

He had been compelled to say to the management: "You must give me a slow freight train, on which I can have an opportunity to recover myself, or I shall be compelled to resign my position in order to save my health."

From that time on, he has been a nervous wreck, and his health has been steadily declining.

There is something pathetic in this statement. It is well known that the relative cost of running a railroad train at a high speed is vastly more than running it at a lower rate.

The wear and tear of locomotive, rail and road-bed are so much greater, that we do not remember to have seen any facts exhibited as to the enormous loss in time and money.

From the men who control those material forces, that does not, as far as we know, ever appear in any annual report of the directors of a railroad. Possibly it has been taken into the account of the management.

The passenger sits calmly enjoying the gentle sway or the glide as the telegraph poles fly by him, and steps from the car with an exultant air.

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HENRY WARD BEECHER'S BROTHER.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has three brothers living. One of these is the Rev. Charles Beecher, known as the writer of some of the most quaint and touching hymns in the English language.

Another is the Rev. Edward Beecher, a profound theologian, far advanced in years, and living in Brooklyn, where he preaches from time to time.

A third brother is the Rev. William Beecher, who is spending the summer years of a mellow old age at his home, 6 Monroe street, Chicago.

Mr. Beecher is 84 years old, and with the exception of the natural infirmities of age is a hearty and vigorous old gentleman.

A gentleman who recently visited Mr. Beecher at his home, found him in an exceedingly genial frame of mind and by no means indisposed to talk about the relief he had obtained from rheumatism.

Which for many years had been a source of trouble to him. In reply to a question, the venerable gentleman remarked: "Why, you want to know about my life?"

"I have suffered with that disease for fifteen years. My hands and my joints were swollen. It took my pain away, and gave me power to sleep. Do not understand me as saying that my rheumatism is all gone. It would be untrue to say that I had obtained from rheumatism, which for many years had been a source of trouble to him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REPUBLICAN: Please announce the D. C. CURTIS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace.

CIRCUIT JUDGE.

WE are authorized to announce JAMES F. HUGHES, of Mattoon, as a candidate for circuit judge, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

WE are authorized to announce E. D. WALKER as a candidate for township clerk.

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JUDGES.

The Hasty Rulings of the Bench in Trials of Cases.

A well-known member of the bar has something to say in Every Other Saturday, in "Advice to Young Lawyers," about the hasty rulings of judges in the trial of cases.

He cites several curious cases where he was himself acting as counsel. In one of them, the Judge advised him to abandon his case, which he did, and subsequently found out that he had a perfect case, notwithstanding the Judge's advice.

In another case Judge Bigelow, who had ruled against him, and when he went to the law library and found a case exactly in point, the Judge said: "Well, I know the point had been decided, but it seems to have been the other way."

He relates the following interesting incident: It is related of the late celebrated advocate Sergeant S. Prentiss, in the memoir by his brother, that the never-failing readiness and self-possession which so distinguished him at all times was strikingly exhibited in his first appearance at the bar.

The Judge, who presided and the names of the parties I have never ascertained, ruled against him, and when he went to the law library and found a case exactly in point, the Judge said: "Well, I know the point had been decided, but it seems to have been the other way."

He was a slight-made, beardless boy, extremely young-looking, by no means physically imposing, and a stranger to all at the court. It was a case he was appearing in for Mr. Huston, and when it was called he responded to it and stood on denunciations to some part of the proceedings, which he desired to argue. The Judge, who was none the less, told him he did not wish to hear argument on the subject.

He had made up his mind adversely to the side Mr. Prentiss appeared for. Upon this Mr. Prentiss modestly but firmly insisted on his client's constitutional right to be heard, by himself or counsel, before his cause was adjudged against him. The right was recognized and he was heard, and made an argument that astonished both court and bystanders, and the Judge, to his own surprise, was forced to acquiesce in the result.

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